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1. The Communist Government of Rumania has now been seized with the idea of exploiting religious missionaries (so-called) as a means of spreading Communist propaganda. This offers a means of sending Communist agents abroad.
2. Several members of the Organization of Partisans for Peace have now been sent to various Rumanian monasteries. Here they are to study such matters as can be given a religious aspect and yet can be used to spread Communism. These preparations are in charge of the Communist Bishop, Valerian Zaharia.
3. The first group of these missionaries is getting ready to depart for Africa, as recommended by the USSR. Student missionaries who have finished their training, will be sent to Moscow for final educational touches. Rumanian Communists have not hitherto been used for activity abroad.

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